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SUBJECT: SAG SAYS BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY
INFORMED OF CARLTONVILLE SHOOTINGS.

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1. REPLYING TO CRITICISM THAT SAG HAD NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED
BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO GOVERNMENTS OF DEATHS OF THEIR NATIONALS
AT CARLETONVILLE, SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRAND FOURIE
ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 14 THAT SAG HAS SENT ALL AVAILABLE
INFORMATION TO TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

2. FOURIE SAID IT WAS STANDING SAG PRACTICE TO GIVE FULL
DETAILS OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNNATURAL DEATH OF CITIZENS OF
NEIGHBORING OR OTHER FRIENDLY STATES AND TO PASS THIS
INFORMATION TO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. THIS PRACTICE WAS FOLLOWED IN
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PRESENT CASE, HE SAID, AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION HAS ALREADY

BEEN DISPATCHED. IN MEANTIME, ACCORDING TO FOURIE, SAG RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM GOB AND GOL.

3. MINING COMPANY SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT POSTMORTEM REPORTS ON SOME OF THE VICTIMS HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED, THUS DELAYING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS REFERS TO BATSWANA AND BASOTHO VICTIMS, WHOSE BODIES THE GOB AND GOL HAVE ASKED TO BE REPATRIATED.

4. COMPANY SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT SEVERAL OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN MINERS INJURED DURING RIOT HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL. ONE MAN WAS STILL LISTED IN CRITICAL CONDITION AND FOUR WERE SERIOUS. NAMES OF THOSE KILLED OR INJURED ARE EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED SOON.

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